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THE CANADIAN MINING MANUAL is published in the hope that it may prove, in some measure at least, a handy and useful reference on many points concerning the Companies formed to acquire and work Canadian mines and quarries. A work of this kind, aiming to cover a wide field, and to embrace details not readily accessible, must necessarily be incomplete in its first edition, and the writer is conscious that the present unpretentious volume must simply form the groundwork upon which to build something more substantial in the future. It professes to be in the main but a compilation, the most liberal use having been made of every available authentic source of information. The writer has also been materially assisted by many kind friends, notably by Mr. John Hardman, S. B., Oldham, N. S.; Mr Archibald Blue, Toronto; Capt. Adams, Montreal; the Hon. John Robson, Minister of Mines, Victoria, B. C.; Mr. E. Gilpin, jr., Halifax; Mr. John Bowron, Gold Commissioner for Cariboo; Mr. J. A. Gemmill, Barrister-at-Law, Ottawa; and Mr. Walter R Skinner, Editor of the *Capitalist*, London, Eng.; to all of whom he would take this opportunity of returning his grateful acknowledgments. He would also return his best thanks to the secretaries and mine officials for their uniform courtesy in furnishing reports regarding their Companies. It is hoped to publish a second edition at an early date, when any errors or omissions, if such there be, in the present volume will be fully corrected.

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